

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA ex rel. )  
THOMAS J. MILLER, )  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF IOWA, )  
99AG25112, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
RICHARD JAMES PANAS, )  
RP ASSOCIATES, INC., )  
a South Carolina corporation, )  
L.I. PRINTING, INC., )  
a South Carolina corporation, )  
LEISURE INTERNATIONAL, INC., )  
a South Carolina corporation, )  
Defendants. )

Equity No. 47852

**PETITION IN EQUITY**

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POLK COUNTY IOWA

The State of Iowa ex rel. Attorney General Thomas J. Miller, through Assistant Attorney General Steve St. Clair, states as follows in support of this Petition in Equity.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Richard James Panas and the other defendants have been engaged in a predatory scheme to cheat the elderly. Panas and his cohorts profit first by tricking vulnerable older people into sending checks in response to bogus prize mailings. Then they profit again by selling the list of victims -- a very "hot" list of senior citizens who can easily be persuaded to pursue a prize opportunity by sending money to strangers in faraway places. At the receiving end of this cynical scheme, elderly consumers, already conned at least once by the screening fraud that gets them on the